Perspective plan for urban development

540. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the perspective plan of Urban Development in terms of roads, bridges, fly-overs, parking lots, airports, housing in major metro cities;

(b) whether there is a comprehensive detailed study of all these major Metro Cities instead of doing few piece meal studies, with special reference to unprecedented growth of vehicle population, inflow of more and more people into major metro cities, acute need of Housing, etc.;

(c) whether there would be a short term/ long term solution to these problems; and

(d) whether there would be enough resources to undertake these tasks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) Perspective Plan of Urban Development in terms of roads, bridges, flyovers, parking lots, airports, housing in major metro cities is contained in the Master Plan of the cities. However, Ministry of Urban Development have issued Urban Development Plans Formulation and Implementation (UDPFI) Guidelines, 1996 which cater to essence of the issue. Master Plans for the cities reflects integrated approach with reference to expected growth of population and number of vehicles. However, in cases, where growth exceeds expectation, suitable long-term and short term responses need to be formulated. Availability of resources has been a major constraint in enabling cities to implement proposals to handle the challenges of rapid urbanisation.

Upgradation works by CPWD

541. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that estimates for 127 covering balcony, providing concertrina coil on boundary walls, individual overhead tanks and upgradation works were prepared by the CPWD 'H' Division in respect of BKS Marg, Phase-I & II quarters and sent to the Chief Engineer's office for necessary financial allotment;

(b) if so, the present status of the case and the reasons for these facilities not being provided in these areas; and

(c) how much more time Department would take in giving necessary clearance and execution of the aforesaid works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) The Administrative approval and Expenditure Sanction for some of the works such as concertina coil on boundary wall has already been accorded. The works for providing additional individual overhead tanks and covering of balcony is part of upgradation scheme/works which could not be taken up earlier due to paucity of funds which have now been made available, and the works are under execution in phased manner.